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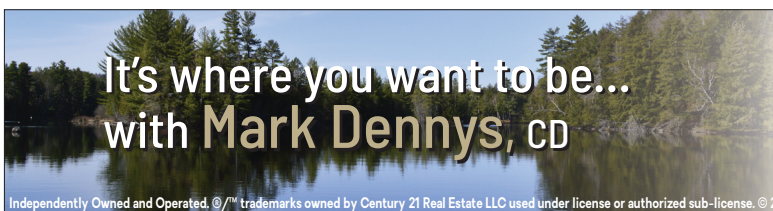
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# Short-term rental bylaw on hold

JENN WATT

Editor

Highlands East will be gathering more public input before moving forward on a short-term accommodations bylaw, council decided at their meeting Sept. 5.

Councillors heard plenty of opposition to a draft bylaw presented during an open house and public meeting, both held Aug. 29.

The draft bylaw had proposed a licensing fee, limited the number of renters allowed, and put restrictions on how long someone could rent a unit, among other things.

Most meeting attendees were not in favour of the bylaw, which some said was overly restrictive and micromanaged property owners. There was also criticism of the process, with questions raised about the task group that generated the bylaw, which had not kept public minutes.

At last week's council meeting, chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter said the public meeting had brought in good information for council to consider

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## Drum roll, please

Percussionists prepare for the parade during the Rails End Gallery's DrumFest in Head Lake Park on Sept. 1. See more on page 18. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



# ETFO takes legal action against province

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario is taking legal action against the provincial government, seeking a court injunction against the repeal of the 2015 physical and health education curriculum, as well as the creation of a hotline where parents can anonymously call to report their children's teachers if they continue to teach the 2015 curriculum.

During the summer, Premier Doug Ford announced that the 2015 curriculum would be revoked and, until a new curriculum is put in place, that students would learn from the previous curriculum, which was created in 1998. That decision was met with backlash and criticism, as the 1998 health and physical education curriculum, which includes sex ed, does not deal with issues such as consent, gender identity and internet safety.

ETFO is arguing that the government's decision put teachers in conflict with their professional obligations within the Education Act and the Standards of Practice of the Ontario College of Teachers. The union also believes the decision violates the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"What we are asking is to allow the

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# More public input sought for short-term rental bylaw

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as well as written comments. She asked council how they would like to proceed and presented options to get conversation started.

Councillors voiced support for option 2, which read: “Put the draft short-term accommodations licensing bylaw on hold in order for council to consider further public consultation such as a municipal wide questionnaire/survey and further public meetings. While council gathers information, regarding regulating short-term accommodations the revised task force could be working on an education package for all short-term accommodators and cottagers.”

Councillor Cec Ryall said there was a lot to digest from the public meeting and option 2 would allow time to do that.

“I would rather have it [the bylaw] postponed for a period of time, deferred for a period of time, until we’ve had a chance to review overall information that we’re

getting back,” he said.

He pointed out that because the task group was not a committee of council, there had been no public minutes from the group. This had hindered conversations with his constituents and made the process less transparent.

Councillor Cam McKenzie echoed those sentiments, saying residents in his area hadn’t been aware of what was going on with the process.

Councillor Joan Barton said she’d also like to see reports coming to council, which would make the documents public and would keep everyone – councillors and members of the public alike – in the loop.

“That makes them [the reports] available not only to us, but to the public at large,” she said.

Council passed a resolution to receive Hunter’s report and to direct staff to bring back draft terms of reference for the task group.

*With files from Chad Ingram*

## Highlands East staff to report on boat launches

JENN WATT

Editor

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Sept. 5 meeting of Highlands East council.*

Highlands East council will be investigating whether a parking area can be made at the Lewis Road boat launch on Paudash Lake and asking staff to report back on all boat launches in the municipality regarding signage and parking.

The decision came following a meeting Deputy Mayor Suzanne Partridge had with about 40 residents in the area of Lewis Road, which is on the west side of Paudash Lake.

Signage on Dyno and Lewis Road has been directing a lot of traffic to the launch, Partridge said, and residents didn’t think there was enough room for all of the cars.

“Their concern is the parking and people when it gets to be two or three vehicles in there with trailers on them, people have to use adjacent property owners’ driveways to turn around,” she said.

Partridge said there were several ways to access Paudash Lake, including other more equipped boat launches and removing the signs to the Lewis Road launch could alleviate some of the pressure.

In preparation for the council meeting, Councillor Cam McKenzie said he attempted to find the boat launch, but couldn’t. He said promoting fishing in Highlands East

was important to local outdoors tourism and that the solution could be better parking.

Councillor Joan Barton said removing signs to a public boat launch wasn’t a good practice and that when that happens it can blur lines between public and private property. She agreed that parking would be a better step to take.

Councillor Cec Ryall suggested that staff look at all municipal launches and report back on signage and parking.

Council passed two resolutions: to investigate parking specifically at the Lewis Road launch and to have staff report on the state of all municipal launches, including parking and signage.

### Still Standing viewing party

Highlands East will be putting on a special viewing party for CBC’s Still Standing featuring Wilberforce on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Still Standing features comedian Jonny Harris, who tours small towns in Canada, interviewing local characters and then putting on a toast to the community. The upcoming episode was filmed in May of 2017.

Council decided the municipality would put aside a small amount of money to provide refreshments to the public during the event, with all donations going to the food bank.

### Fire departments to co-ordinate fire regs

Chris Baughman, acting fire chief, told council that the fire chiefs from across Haliburton County would be talking over the winter about aligning their open air burning regulations.

“The goal is to clarify and to have consistency throughout the county with our bylaws. Burn times, fire size, definitions for what is or is not permitted during a total fire ban, similar wording and signage will all be addressed,” Baughman’s report to council says.



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# Reinspections finding high risk septic systems in Highlands East

JENN WATT

Editor

Malfunctioning septic systems are being found through Highlands East's reinspection program and so far property owners have been receptive to fixing the problems identified, said Laurie Devolin, chief building official, at a council meeting on Sept. 5.

Through the course of the summer, student inspectors went to 537 properties on Gooderham Lake, Dark Lake and Grace River and Lower Paudash Lake. There they would walk around the property, find the septic system, measure its distance to the lake and check for signs of a problem. The system would then be assigned a risk level from low to very high.

The lakes evaluated had mostly low-risk systems, some moderate risk and few high risk. The students found 16 steel tanks during their evaluations.

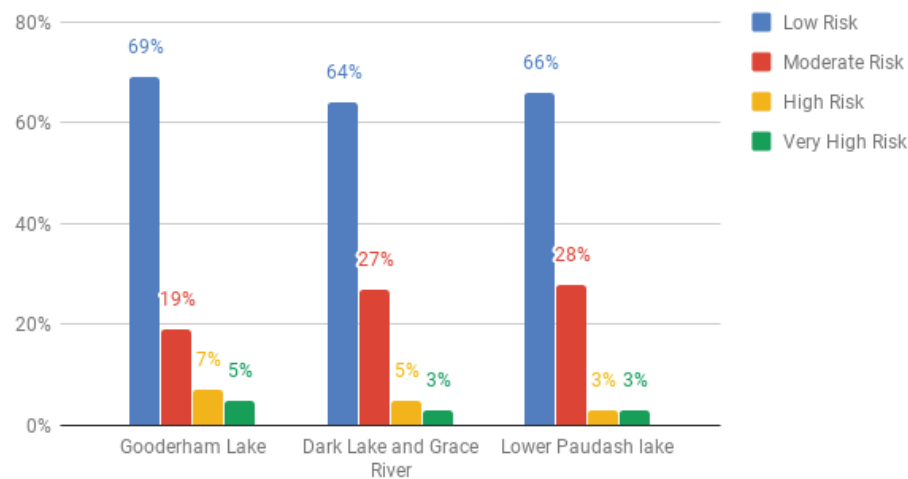
Low risk is defined in the report as including a system installed 10 years ago or more recently with setbacks that comply with the building code.

A moderate risk system might have an overgrown bed, exposed pipelines, a damaged privy or more sleeping cabins than tank capacity.

High risk includes setbacks that don't comply with the code, structures built on the septic bed, a homemade system installed by the owner, or a system that can't be located by the owner.

Very high risk includes a steel tank (or

2018 Highlands East Septic Reinspection Results



a system 40 years or older), sewage leaking or visible, or a tank or lid is cracked or corroded.

Councillor Cec Ryall asked Devolin whether property owners with septic systems in need of remediation were complying with orders.

Devolin said they were, but that it was an expensive process to fix or replace a system.

"People are pretty willing to do what they need to do. It's just a matter of trying to get the funds together to do it," she said.

She told council that reception to the program had been positive and the eval-

uations were leading to septic system improvements on area lakes. There had been criticism that Highlands East is not doing more thorough lid-off inspections, but Devolin said the municipality's program was producing results.

"I think we're catching a lot of septic systems that need to be replaced with the program that we're doing," she said.

Ryall said the point of the program was to find the higher risk systems and make sure they are replaced.

"As long as we are making significant progress there, I think we're accomplishing our goal," he said.

## Makes no sense to teach old curriculum: ETFO rep

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teachers to teach from the 2015 curriculum, which is current," Karen Bratina, president of the local ETFO chapter, told the paper. Ford has said his government would conduct consultations, including with parent groups, on what they want to see in a new health and physical education curriculum. Bratina said the province should go ahead and do its consultations, but that in the meantime, it's illogical to teach the 1998 curriculum.

"It makes no sense to revert to a curriculum that is outdated," she said.

As for the hotline, which ETFO has dubbed a "snitch line," Bratina said it undermines the teacher-parent relationship.

"It frightens me, as a president," she said. "It angers me, because it undermines an already established relationship between teachers and parents. Teachers work so hard to establish those relationships with parents."

Bratina also said the phone line was a waste of public money, and that the province could focus its resources on fixing schools, dealing with violence in schools, and addressing student needs.

A number of school boards, including the Trillium Lakelands District Board, have written open letters saying the boards would support teachers who choose to continue to teach the 2015 curriculum.

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# McKechnie, Scott campaign for Ward 5

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Walt McKechnie is looking to retain his seat as Ward 5 councillor, which he's held for two terms. McKechnie credits the experience and growth gained in his past two careers as a professional hockey player and restaurant owner for helping guide him through his third career in politics.

McKechnie played for the NHL for about 17 years, and for five of those years, was elected by his teammates to represent the team as a player representative.

"I guess I've always dabbled in wanting to help people, and the guys all knew that I was never shy to stand up in front of people and talk," said McKechnie. "Hockey ... helped prep me for what I'm doing today. I don't mind standing up in front of people and talking and don't mind talking to people if they have concerns. To be on council you have to be a good team player, and I was always regarded as a good team player. I think I have the same reputation on council." McKechnie ran for council after opening and running McKeck's restaurant on Highland Street for almost 24 years.

"I learned so much about being a business man, whether it was working with a budget, financial statements, staffing issues on a day-to-day basis, and having to deal with customers' concerns." When he sold the restaurant in 2009, he said he wanted to remain involved in the community.

McKechnie said he's been hearing from constituents while knocking on doors, most recently with wife Suzanne. He has lived in Ward 5 for more than 40 years. He's concerned about the water quality of local lakes and rural Ontario's struggle with lack of government funding for infrastructure, landfill sites and septic waste disposal. He notes his achievements in sitting on the environment committee and committee of adjustment, in working on the committee to make Dysart's recent arena renovation happen, and in helping to hire department heads over the past few years.

He also noted "being on council and trying to be a strong voice for my ward, trying to represent everybody in my ward. Everyone who has a concern, I try to follow up right away to get the concerns to the proper department."

Glenn Scott filed his nomination for the Ward 5 seat in May. Scott was a cottager for 40 years, and retired as a Hydro One electrical engineer on Haliburton Lake in

2017.

He has been on the board of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association for six years, as president for the past three years and is a board member at the Haliburton Curling Club since last year.

He has been observing council, economic development and environment and conservation meetings since earlier this year.

"I believe I can add value through my career and community experience to council," he said.

"I want to apply my action orientation to resolving issues in Ward 5." Scott said key issues in Ward 5 relate to roads and bridge infrastructure, lakes and environment, waste management, internet and wireless service and short term rentals.

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## Ten years and 450 babies

Rebecca Weeks, founder of Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft, laughs with friends and midwives at the 10th anniversary celebration for the organization on Sunday, Sept. 9 at the Harcourt Community Centre. The event drew close to 80 people and included a speech by Weeks, who thanked volunteers, her midwives and supporters, her family and husband and told the audience, "I think of you all as my babies." The service has helped deliver 450 babies. /DARREN LUM Staff



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# Award-winning Canadian novelist named writer in residence

JENN WATT

Editor

Writing has been author Frances Itani's life's work. It has taken her around the world and into the inner worlds of her characters who occupy the pages of 17 books, including novels, short stories and children's books. She is a member of the Order of Canada, has been awarded the Commonwealth Writer's Prize, was shortlisted for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, has won the CBC Literary Award (three times) and was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize.

And now writing is bringing Itani to Haliburton County as the arts council's writer in residence from Oct. 11 to 25.

Renee Woltz, treasurer at the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands, said the residency will benefit writers in the community and students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"The committee is so pleased to be able to bring such a high calibre writer to our community. We're especially pleased that the scheduled events will benefit members of the public, writers in the community and students at the high school," she said in a press release.

The author of many bestselling books including *Requiem*, *Tell, Deafening*, *Remembering the Bones* and, most recently, *That's My Baby*, will be bringing her expertise and love of the writing process to two special events.

Her one-day workshop on Saturday, Oct. 13 is called "Asking the Right Questions to Keep Your Writing Alive."

"I'll be discussing important basics about craft. I'll also focus on ways to strengthen one's work," Itani said in response to questions via email.

There is space for 20 students in the workshop, which is open to writers of varying backgrounds and experience levels, she said.

"Hopefully, at the end of our time together, participants will be inspired to go home and write! Overall, I hope to impart some of the knowledge I have acquired over the past 45 years as a writer."

Itani will also be the featured speaker at a special evening event: An Evening with Frances Itani.

"I'll discuss my life as a writer and will talk about journeys taken through the creation of several of my books. I will also be interviewed during the evening and I plan to read a short excerpt from one of my novels. There will be time for a Q&A with the audience, an exchange I always enjoy."

Itani began her career as a nurse – an occupation she enjoyed and she still draws upon for inspiration in her writing. She worked at Montreal General Hospital as an RN before teaching nursing at university.

"I stopped working as a nurse when my first child was born and it was then that I returned to university to work on a BA, followed by a masters degree in English and psychology," she said.

While taking a writing course at the University of Alberta, Itani met renowned Canadian writer W.O. Mitchell, leading to a long friendship.

"He and his wife Merna often visited our family wherever we happened to be living in the world, and we sometimes travelled together and always stayed in touch," she said. "We had a good deal of fun over the years, and I miss them both very much."

The author's world travels have often led to Haliburton, where her daughter lives with her family. She's often come to the Highlands to watch her granddaughters at their track events, dance performances and music recitals, but has also visited local artists' studios, the farmers' market, and once visited the Minden library branch promoting her book, *Requiem*.

This residency, however, came to her through her Toronto-based agent.

"A note was sent to the agency in hopes that word would be put out among many writers," Itani said. "I was selected and when I let my daughter and her family know about the position, they were all surprised and delighted."

Aside from the workshop, private writing consultations and public evening event, the author will also spend time working on her own projects.

"I'm working on two novels. One is set in 2018 and involves six characters, none of whom know one another at the outset of the story," she said. "The second is an historical fiction about a woman of science who was born during the late 19th century."

Both books are due out in the next few years. Writing is always a challenge, requiring discipline

and focus, Itani said. Curiosity and imagination fuel her work.

"How does one make sense of what is around us? The human condition? Chaos to art? How do people maintain or regain their balance after being knocked over by life? No society lives without story, without philosophy, without art. It is the writer's job – my job – to tell story."

An Evening With Frances Itani is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 12 at the Great Hall at Fleming College in Haliburton. Refreshments at 6:30, presentation at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation, with a suggested donation of \$10.

Asking the Right Questions to Keep Your Writing Alive, a one-day workshop, is to be held Saturday, Oct. 13 with private feedback sessions scheduled between Oct. 15 and 17. The subsidized cost of the workshop is \$50 and the private feedback session is \$30. Two bursary positions are available for the workshop and feedback session. You must apply to be considered for the bursary.

The writer in residence program is supported by Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network.

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Bestselling novelist Frances Itani is coming to Haliburton as writer in residence this October. Itani is a member of the Order of Canada and has won many awards for her writing. Her most recent book is *That's My Baby*. /Photo by Norman Takeuchi



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

## 100 years of the vote

**M**AY OF THIS YEAR marked 100 years since the first time women were given the opportunity to vote in federal elections in this country. While that may seem like a long time ago, it's only been a few generations since that crucial first step.

And it was only a first step in what ended up being a very long journey to universal suffrage. Japanese Canadians did not have the right to vote until 1948 and First Nations people were fully enfranchised in 1960.

Sometimes history can seem intangible. Particularly since for most women today, having the vote is just a given. It's difficult for most of us to imagine having our fathers, husbands, friends or colleagues argue that we shouldn't have the right to participate in democracy. Effectively, that we shouldn't have a say in how the world works.

But at the time, that was the norm.

Beloved Canadian humorist Stephen Leacock referred to those seeking women's rights as "the Awful Woman with the Spectacles," likening them to witches of the Middle Ages: "meddlesome, vociferous, intrusive."

If you have a few free moments, Google names like Mary Ann Shadd Cary, Hideko Hyodo or Emily Stowe and read about the tireless, gutsy work they did to push this country in the right direction.

Cary was the first female African-American editor in North America and wrote about women's rights.

Hideko Hyodo was a school teacher, who in 1936 appeared in the House of Commons as part of a delegation seeking the right to vote for Japanese-Canadians long after white women had received the federal franchise. (She and her delegation were turned down.)

Stowe, the first female doctor in

Canada, was also a key organizer for women's suffrage in Canada, founding the Toronto Women's Literary Club in 1876, which would become the Canadian Women's Suffrage Association in 1883.

According to the book *One Hundred Years of Struggle: The History of Women and the Vote in Canada*, suffragists had a distinctly Canadian method of demonstrating for the vote: mock parliaments.

Here, women would satirize the work of the all-male parliament, pointing out nonsensical arguments about keeping women out of politics by flipping the roles.

"Politics unsettle men and unsettled men means unsettled bills, broken furniture, broken vows and divorce. Men's place is on the farm," Nellie McClung declared during a mock parliament in Winnipeg.

The history of women's suffrage is fascinating. It's also not an easy one to read. White women seldom stood up for the rights of women of colour, leaving them to fight on their own for a voice in Canadian democracy. There was

also a great deal of discord between women of varying economic classes, with working class women actively pushed out of some suffragist groups.

But as messy and problematic as the history may be, it is what brought us to today and included incredible tenacity and determination from women and men who put their reputations on the line to further basic rights in Canada.

A group has come together to mark this milestone in the history of the vote with a special event in Minden on Saturday, Sept. 15. (Full disclosure: I am on the organizing committee.)

The event starts at the Village Green at noon with an historical reenactment, followed by a march to the museum and tea. All are welcome.



jenn watt

## Editorial



Vivid reflections

by Darren Lum

## Rhubarb pie

**W**HEN I WROTE my first business plan in 1996, to get on the self-employed assistance program with Haliburton County Development Corporation, I ended the submission with a paragraph about what I wanted or hoped people would say about me at my funeral. The kind of person I was, how much I loved my family and friends, how I contributed to the community, the adventures I had.

I was inspired to write that because at that time I had done my first few yoga retreats at The Kripalu Centre for Health and one thing I had learned was that death was a great teacher in the yoga tradition. Death was the equalizer.

We were all going to die someday and so death's big lesson to us was to really love life. To savour life. To create the conditions in ourselves where we would live as long and healthy as we could.

There was nothing gloomy or sad in the contemplation of death. Rather there was a feeling of power and urgency to really savour and enjoy the moments we get.

As I wrote that business plan I was committing to living a full and interesting life. To notice the small things and be grateful. And I've never forgotten that. At the end of every yoga class I guide a pose called "savasana" and it is also called the corpse. When we lie quietly on our mats, it represents the death of old ideas, old ways of being. Letting go of things that are

no longer helping us. It's like we enter a state of blissful neutrality. In this pose we abide in ourselves, exactly as we are. And we are enough.

"Savasana" is considered to be a pose that reduces agitation and restlessness out of the body. It helps to ground the nervous system, pacify the brain and is a great prep for deeper states of meditation and the practice of yoga nidra (yogic sleep).

"Savasana" is one pose you want to master in the practice of yoga. A few

weeks ago Jim and I went to the funeral of a family friend of his. Sheldon was 90 years old and had known Jim's mom his whole life. They had been neighbours. The funeral was just so touching. Sheldon lived his whole life in the same house and never married.

The stories the minister and families told of him spoke of a quiet man who generously gave to his family, friends and church. He was

a farmer, an avid reader and a man with a great sense of humour. At one point the minister was saying "you will remember Sheldon when" and spoke of his rhubarb patch that was huge and that he shared with everyone. Many, many years of shared rhubarb pie in that community.

After the service we went downstairs in the church where the men and women had prepared a lovely lunch for us to share and talk about Sheldon. The dessert was of course, rhubarb pie.

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# points of view

## A sight to behold

**“W**HAT ARE YOU wearing?” Jenn said, with what I thought was an appropriate amount of awe. “My new reading glasses,” I replied. “Like them?”

“You do know those are women’s glasses, right?” she said.

“No, they’re not,” I said. “I bought them in the men’s glasses section of the drug store.”

“Are you sure you were in the men’s glasses section?” she asked.

“There were no women there,” I answered.

Jenn then laid out a convincing argument for the case that I had indeed purchased women’s reading glasses.

“First,” she said, as she took me to the mirror, “take a good look at the frames.”

“What about them?” I said.

“They are the kind Cat Woman would wear!”

“Or Cat Man!” I countered.

I said this with enough conviction that I thought our discussion would end there and then. That’s when she administered the coup de grace.

“Well, then,” she said, “how do you explain the stylishly sequined case?”

“I bought that separately for you?” I replied.

To this day, I’m not sure she believed any of that.

What I do know is what happened to me shouldn’t happen to any man ever again.

I mean, think about it. I broke my reading glasses and then walked alone into a drug store with poor short range vision in order to pick out my own glasses.

Would you ask Stevie Wonder to do this?

If you ask me, this should be illegal in a civilized society.

I know what you are probably thinking.

Yes, my vision was good enough to find the stand that held reading glasses. And, yes, I tried them on and looked at them in the mirror that accompanies that stand – so on the surface it would appear as if I should have noticed my sudden resemblance to Eartha Kitt, the original Cat Woman.

That, of course, is where your argument fails.

I am a middle-aged man! This means, among other things, that I generally notice my shirt is on backwards 50 per cent of the time. And that’s only because I’m having a harder time than usual doing up the buttons.

Middle-aged men, you might have noticed, take very little heed of fashion. I’ll concede we did invent the black socks and sandals look for which the fashion world is forever grateful, but other than that, we’re clueless.

Heck, it’s even worse than that.

You see, like vampires, we middle-aged men don’t actually look in the mirror. Oh sure, we might be facing it, but we’re not actually looking at it.

If you doubt this, have a close look at the ear hair on the next middle-aged man you meet.

Honestly, even when we are shaving we don’t really look. Sure, it appears as if we are looking at ourselves with great approval and a smug sense of satisfaction, but I ask you, what normal creature would see that much blood flowing out of his throat and continue humming a ’70s soft-rock tune? One that’s not looking, that’s who.

No, while we are shaving in the morning or in front of mirrors at other times, we are actually day-dreaming of nice things like bacon, fishing, and contracting a sudden illness on the day of the wedding we were told we have to go to.

This is why I chose those women’s glasses. I was thinking of more pleasant things such as the opening day of duck season and the fact that, sooner or later, ear hair will become fashionable.

Had I been truly looking at the mirror or at the sequined case, I would not have chosen them. Also, I probably would have noticed that my shirt was on backwards.



steve  
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## Loon Tales



## pic of the past

**T**his picture takes us back to the year 1933 and shows six Haliburton girls on a sunny summer day preparing to shoot a round of golf at the Haliburton Golf Course, which was operated at that time by Peter John Borden and his boys. From left, Noreen Patterson, Evelyn Austin, Verna Austin, Pauline Dart, Jean Austin and Jean Barnum. /From the Echo archives

## letters to the editor

# ‘Eyeing’ swimmer’s itch

To the Editor,

I enjoyed your article on swimmer’s itch and perhaps you would be interested in some more information.

In 1971, while in graduate school studying parasitology in Toronto, my supervisor was called to Toronto General Hospital (TGH). A 35-year-old lady from Belleville was having “black outs” in one eye. It was described as a curtain being pulled across the eye. It would disappear and later reappear. There was no pain.

TGH took a very large photograph of a “question mark” type of inclusion in the eye and brought it back for parasitologists to view. He said it looked like a cercaria, which is a larval stage of a trematode, the parasite that causes swimmer’s itch. He saw a sucker at the front of the larva and a bifurcated tail.

He called TGH and the lady was not a swimmer, but she did gather frogs in the fall. Frog legs are a delicacy. That was the discovery.

The larva is found in snails and is released into the water looking for a frog or waterfowl

to attach. The sucker attaches to the “prey” and enzymes are released allowing it to penetrate the animal; thus the red itchiness of swimmer’s itch.

It appears that the lady transferred a larva from the frog to her hands, and probably wiped her face. The larva penetrated the eye and started to wander around, looking for a correct environment to continue its development, briefly blocking the retina. For many years tracts were seen in many cases with no explanation. After a while the larva dies and becomes a small cyst, causing no further problems.

TGH said they were going to use a cryoscope with liquid nitrogen to attach and pull out the larva after it left the area of the retina. But, it was later learned that a laser was used to kill the larva and it was left in the eye. An early use of a laser.

Best to tell children about this story. A good introduction to parasitology.

John Jamieson  
Highland Grove

## BOONIEVILLE





# In memory of Bob Sisson, 21 years later

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

When you sit front row, centre, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton, you are sitting in the chair dedicated to the memory of Bob Sisson. It's the seat you would want to have if Bob was on stage, a teenager from West Guilford masterfully using an Australian accent or otherwise bringing to life a character with such flourish, that every performance was unforgettable.

He's still unforgettable, 21 years after a devastating accident claimed his life when he was just 18. The memory of Bob Sisson is still very much alive and the impact he made is still felt by people who lived in this community when he did.

Robert Sisson, known throughout Haliburton County as Bob, or Bobby, was born April 18, 1979 to Marty and Vicki Sisson. He was the "perfect little boy," according to his mom, who sat down with the *Echo* to talk about him last winter.

"When he was little, he was just well-behaved, just, he was ordinary, he was quiet, he could entertain himself for hours with his Lego," said Vicki. "We took him to see *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*, when he was five. And in the first scene where Princess Leia's chained up to Jabba, I thought, 'oh my God, this is too much for a five-year-old.' But after that, it was just a Star Wars universe. And it was a Marvel universe, and he drew, and he started collecting comic books and he did well in school."

One of his longest, closest friendships was with Morgan Talaba, who met Bob in elementary school.

"When I first met Bob he was as shy and quiet as I was," Talaba told the *Echo*. "Once we started talking we became fast friends."

Together the pair shared an interest in music, movies, art, skateboarding and comedy – not the norm, according to Talaba, who said most kids their age were interested in hockey and sports.

"It felt like Bob was the first person I'd ever met who spoke the same language as me, and cared about what I cared about," he said.

Kevin Brezina remembers meeting Bob at a dance held prior to high school.

"I remember thinking that this was a great chance to impress the Haliburton girls," Kevin, who was from Minden, told the *Echo*, "so I danced all night, for every song. What made that easier was that there was this other guy, from Haliburton, who seemed to have the same idea giving his all on the dance floor. He was super into it, but his moves were a bit clumsy (I'm sure mine were too), but I remember thinking, 'as long as I don't look as crazy as that guy, I'm good.' So in hindsight, before I'd even met him, Bob was helping me to be a better version of myself."

It wasn't until Bob turned 14 and started high school that another side of him emerged, one who thrived while performing, according to his mom. She remembers the time he jumped at the chance to sing The Doors' "Roadhouse Blues" at an event night at Sir Sam's, where they both worked.

"I'd never seen him perform," she said. "I didn't know that this was something he wanted to do. That was it. And after that ... he'd jump up on stage at the slightest provocation, and he played the drums and he acted and he was going to be Leonardo DiCaprio or Steven Spielberg when he grew up. I made him promise to make sure I got a front seat at the Oscars, just like Steven Spielberg did with his mother."

Bob made his mom watch Quentin Tarantino movies alongside him, and Vicki would always get up to leave for the kitchen during the ear-cutting scene in *Reservoir Dogs*, when the song "Stuck in the Middle With You" by Stealers Wheel comes on.

"He'd say, 'Mom, it's not that bad!'" she remembers, laughing. "He didn't like me reading newspapers when we were watching movies. Everybody else would be in bed. It'd just be the two of us, and he'd hide the newspapers underneath the couch cushion."

Bob was a member of the broad Sisson clan and he assisted countless numbers of people when he worked at the ski hill and at the West Guilford store. He played with the school band and his own band and announced the high school daily notices over the PA system each morning, as well as the skating shows in the Minden and Haliburton arenas.

Gary Brohman, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal at that time, remembers Bob as being



Vicki Sisson of West Guilford remembers her son Bob loving performance, music, his family and friends, the Star Wars and Marvel Universe and life in general. /Submitted photo

well-known throughout the entire staff and student body and the greater community.

"I remember joy. I remember craziness," he laughed. "I remember our school and school spirit changed because of Bob Sisson. I think school spirit took off at a different level in our school. Everyone, and I mean everyone, in our school knew Bob Sisson. You can go from custodians to secretaries to educational assistants to teachers to all the students ... What a beautiful thing."

Brezina remembers Bob stopping to talk with students from every grade, even as an early Grade 9 student. "Everyone was happy to see him, everyone wanted to stop and talk. Even the teachers seemed to know him."

"...[I]t didn't take long to notice him," said Tom Regina, Bob's high school music teacher. "He stood taller than his classmates, seemed to always have a broad smile and had a gangly sort of Mick Jagger air about him ... I think people liked it of him that he was able to make everything seem like a fun time. Bob seemed at ease with all of the various groups of students at the school but it felt like he belonged to the arts kids."

Bob was a renowned actor, the one who the community knew was destined to a greater fame.

Martha Perkins, who was at that time the editor of this paper, said he stood out.

"For me, as a reporter at the *Echo*, I sat through lots of plays at the high school. You applaud these people's efforts, how much fun they had, but in Bobby you saw it," she said in a phone interview. "You saw the talent. You saw how he could do the metamorphosis and become the person that he was portraying on the stage. You saw his actions, his ability to mimic, and I think in that you see his intelligence. You know that he would be the one who made it. I always thought of him as Heath Ledger. Really visceral talent and ability to go into those dark places or light places, and to me that means you have to be a person with empathy and understanding. You have to have not lived the life of the person you're portraying, but you do need to understand it enough to bring it to life. It's such a skill, such a talent, and Bobby had it."

"He was a very charming, funny kid," said Cass (Weyrich) Mawbey, who said Bob had that "presence" that

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Shown here in a play together, Kevin Brezina, left, met Bob Sisson just as high school was starting and the pair formed a fast friendship. /Submitted



# Community shocked by teen's death

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people talk about. She wrote *Love Affair With Hollywood*, part of the HHSS drama offerings, with Bob in mind, and he starred in it.

"...[W]hen he embraced a character, he became the character, and committed to it," said Mawbey. "So when I saw him on stage 'becoming' a character, it was hard to look away. He was genius at mimicry – recreating Mrs. Doubtfire and Jim Carrey – or speaking with accents."

Mawbey said Bob was directly responsible for the play she wrote, about a small town boy restless with small town life, brimming with talent and charisma, getting discovered and becoming a Hollywood star.

"I saw him becoming a phenomenon, someone who could truly make it," she said. "He was born to do it."

Kate Campbell met Bob on the first day of rehearsal for that production.

"Being on stage with him was electric," she said. "Our friendship was weird and fabulous. We'd talk about everything from movies, script ideas, moving to L.A. some-day, to astrology and *Sailor Moon* episodes. We'd talk in accents, we'd hang at the ski hill, we would have a double feature screening. I'd show him *Singin' in the Rain*, and he'd show me *Pulp Fiction*."

Mawbey remembers the last time she spoke to Bob. "I won't ever forget the way his face lit up when he saw me," she said. "I had never truly ever felt that reaction from anyone before. That's what he did to people. Made them feel like they mattered. He was kind of a technicolour person in a black and white world."

Bob's long curly hair – Brohman refers to it as "those golden locks of his," and Vicki calls it a "fluffy cloud" you could run your fingers through – still makes those who remember it giggle, remembering when Bob shaved it off completely. Teacher Paul Longo said one of his favourite memories of Bob was when, on a school trip to Washington, he came down from his hotel room with a completely smooth scalp.

"I remember thinking at first he took one of those bald caps ... and then I touched it," he laughed. "That was Bob. It was just funny. It was just the way he rolled."

When Bob was 17, he told his parents he was going to hitchhike across the country, solo, throughout the summer of 1996. He bought a bunch of "cheap, ugly" ties from a thrift store and got a job cleaning rooms in a hotel out west. Then he went to Montreal and worked in a call centre before returning home.

Bob loved his younger siblings, Mary and Alex, quite famously.

Mary remembers Bob always making time for her and Alex, both seven years younger than him. He read children's books to them before bed, making up voices for the characters in the stories, and let them play on his drum set and borrow his music cassettes.

"Life was fun," she said. "Our home was always a safe space, thanks to my parents, but Bob made it that much more happy and safe. He was able to be himself and role modelled what that meant for us. You knew no matter what happened that day at school, you were coming home to his performing or dancing in the kitchen or good music playing from his room."

One of the last times Vicki saw Bob alive was at Midnight Madness in Haliburton, the week before he died in the tragic car accident that plunged the county into mourning. She was waiting for his siblings at what was then the Molou Theatre on Highland Street when she looked across the road and saw her eldest child, dressed in the blue suede jacket she'd bought him. He was promoting Lotus Festival, a weekend-long outdoor music festival to be held in Glebe Park the next week.

"...[A]nd he just, he was just so beautiful," she said. "I just stood there and looked at him. There were times

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*You feel like sometimes the universe gets a blow and there are ripples, and Bobby's death caused a lot of ripples.*

— Martha Perkins



Bob announced the high school daily notices over the PA system each morning, as well as the skating shows in the Minden and Haliburton arenas. / Submitted photo

I just couldn't believe he was mine. And how much I loved him."

Bob crossed the street to chat with his mom, and said he'd probably just go to a friend's house later that night. "And I grabbed his lapels," said Vicki, "And I said, 'OK. You stay wherever you're going. You don't be out on the road in the middle of the night.' 'I won't Mom.' And he was gone the next week. And I just, you think of all these coincidental, freaky things. But that, that is my last best memory."

On Aug. 9, 1997, the car Bob was in with three friends encountered another vehicle, driven by an impaired driver, on Hwy 118, near Camp White Pine. They collided head-on when the pick-up truck unexpectedly crossed the centre line on a curve.

First responders, ambulance crews and 14 volunteer firefighters from Dysart – some who knew the Sisson family well or had kids who were friends with the teenagers involved – remember details of that early morning accident clearly, even today, though many have long since retired.

Vicki had to answer the phone that jarred her from sleep.

"We got a phone call," she said. "We got that nightmare phone call at 3 o'clock in the morning. Every parent's worst nightmare."

Bob's siblings weren't at home that night, Mary at Camp Adelaide and Alex at his grandparents' house just down the road. But Marty and Vicki faced a horrendous roadblock when they couldn't physically get from their house in West Guilford to the hospital because of the accident scene that they knew their son had been involved in.

"So off Marty and I went towards Haliburton, and of course we couldn't get through because the highway was closed because of the accident, so we had to go back to Eagle Lake and all the way around," said Vicki.

At the Haliburton Hospital, it was clear Bob had been critically injured. Vicki and Marty were asked to think about donating his organs, which Marty quickly agreed to, knowing it was what Bob would have wanted. The parents were driven to Sunnybrook Hospital for that procedure to happen.

"And after it was all said and done, all over, we got a couple of really lovely letters telling us they had restored sight to two people with his beautiful blue eyes. That's the way I look at it. We knew that somebody had benefited from it all. And that helps too. Depending on how you feel about these things, but for us, that helped too."

Despite the years that have passed, Vicki still credits the volunteers in the victims services centre at Sunnybrook Hospital who offered sandwiches and tea, and remembers the name of the police officer who offered them support. She wrote a letter thanking him for his care after the fact.

"And then, you go home, and you plan a funeral," she said. Phoning her mom to tell her the tragic news the year after Vicki's dad had died, was tremendously difficult.

"I remember holding her hand and going into the funeral and just putting my head on Marty's shoulder," said Vicki. "I didn't cry. I didn't let anybody see me cry."



In *Love Affair with Hollywood*, written by Cass (Weyrich) Mawbey, Bob (seen here with Sue Tiffin) starred as a small town boy intent on becoming a Hollywood star. /Submitted

The funeral was held at St. George's Anglican Church, and was so packed, filled to capacity, that the basement had to be opened for people to attend. Bob's eulogy would be Brohman's first for a student and Longo said speaking at his funeral was one of the most important things he has done as a teacher.

"The sense I got was that this was a communal wound," said Perkins. "It was shared ... You feel like sometimes the universe gets a blow and there are ripples, and Bobby's death caused a lot of ripples."

Vicki said grief sunk in after the funeral.

"And then you go home and then that's when the hurting starts," said Vicki. "I remember sitting on our railed porch every night, staring up at the sky and just screaming in my head, you know, because I didn't know when I was going to see him again."

She acknowledges the response from the community was incredible.

"Money, food, cards, letters, from people we didn't even know," she said. "And I'll never forget that."

"I feel that no matter how you lose a loved one, all you want is for people to remember them and acknowledge their life and what they gave to the community and the world," said Mary. "It may feel awkward to speak about it, but rather than remembering the accident and the tragedy, it's nice to remember the people who showed up. I remember people who were at the funeral that I didn't even speak to, but I know they were there and that means the world."

Lotus Festival, organized by local young people including Bob, went on, giving area teens the chance to be together after hearing news of the accident.

"I went into shock," said Talaba. "I had flashes of the night before of him leaving ... we had an intense conversation, we hugged and made plans to hang out

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# Sisson family keeps Bob's memory alive

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after the festival. I remember playing our set at the festival that night after reuniting with everyone else and feeling some catharsis. After the festival, I remember almost nothing except that constant vacuum that is the loss of a loved one. I don't even remember attending the funeral. I went underwater for awhile. "That night [at Lotus Festival] seemed to last forever and I'm sure a lot of us wished it had," said friend Kasey (Bull) MacIntyre. "Because the reality of going on without him was too much for a lot of us to even fathom at that point."

"You can't describe to someone how painful it was," said Vicki. "I remember [working] at Sir Sam's on another party night after all this happened, and Stealers Wheel, 'Stuck in the Middle With You' came on the sound system and I just ... this sound came out of me like a wounded animal. The pain in your heart. When people talk about heartache and heartbreak, it's real. It feels like somebody's sitting on your chest. And you think, you can't live the rest of your life in that much pain. And that's when people either take up drinking or drugs or do away with themselves. And I have to be honest, I thought about it. I thought, I can't live my life in this much pain. .... But then I had Alex and Mary. And if I hadn't had Alex and Mary, it might have been different. Marty, he just couldn't stop crying. He couldn't function. The kids kept us going. We kept them going. We were fortunate in that we just became this tight little unit and we looked after each other. When something like this happens, 60 per cent of marriages fail, families implode, people start drinking, and it would have been easy, but we didn't. We didn't. We got through it."

Mary remembers that before she went to camp she saw Bob one last time. He hugged her goodbye, told her he loved her and reminded her to have fun. After the accident, she remembers the house being quiet, the joy being gone.

"I feel extremely fortunate to have my parents," she said. "Their strength has been an inspiration my entire life. They didn't try to forget. We have always talked about Bob, told stories, shared memories. They carried on but made sure we were doing OK. I'm extremely proud of them."

Vicki credits Marty, who she said has been the rock for the family, as well as the strength of Mary and Alex, for the family's tenacity.

"When something like this happens, it changes you," she said. "We were happy. We didn't have a lot but we would dance in the kitchen every morning before school, and I would grab Bob and just ... he got to the point where he would just stand there and I would kind of dance around him. But I'd have the radio on and we'd be carrying on and silly and all of that stopped. There was no more music, no more laughing, no more singing, no more dancing. And you just, you can't hurt me. You don't feel anything anymore. You don't sweat the small stuff anymore. You just do what needs to be done. You just get through it. [Bob] wouldn't have wanted me to be unhappy. He wouldn't want us to fall apart, you know, we've got to keep going."

Vicki said there were years in which it was hard to be happy.

"We had to work very hard at trying to be positive because every time something would go wrong we'd just sink right back down into that black hole," she said. Leaving the house without fear was difficult, and allowing Mary and Alex to leave the house as they got older was nerve-racking.

Mary's daughter, Isobel, was born four years ago.

"That's something else," said Vicki. "When that little girl came, that was just joy, that we hadn't felt in 20 years. Sometimes you feel guilty. Is that OK, for us to be happy, because Bob's gone? And yeah, it takes a long time to get over that."

Mary said Isobel recently took note of a portrait of Bob, and asked, "where'd Bobby go?" Mary said they have had experiences of Isobel seeing "someone" in the house.

"She ran to the kitchen," said Mary. "The radio was on and she asked to turn it up, cause she wanted to dance in the kitchen. She grabbed her daddy's hands and danced. I just stared at her. She has his spirit, his joy. I saw my brother. ... I wish [my husband] could have met him. I wish he could have seen his spirit, because Isobel has it. I wish [Bob] was here to see her because he would have been such a wonderful uncle to her. It's not fair. I wish he could see how happy she makes my parents. He would have been so happy to see them as grandparents."

Part of the healing for Vicki and Marty has been in see-



Bob (front row, centre), was very close to his family, especially siblings Alex (top row, middle) and Mary (front row, right). / Submitted photo

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***I don't want people to forget him. That's what would hurt the most, if he was forgotten.***

— Vicki Sisson

ing tributes from Bob's friends over the years, even now, decades later.

A few years ago, Meggan Winsley created a screen print of a photo taken by Don Mawbey of Bob in a joyful moment that the Sisson family and many of Bob's friends have hung at their homes in his memory.

Many note vivid dreams they have had of Bob, have dedicated their work to him, and keep letters, cards and poetry from him. Several friends have, in the years since his death, been tattooed with lines of a poem he wrote, urging people to "live life fully, no second tries."

MacIntyre said the screen print by Winsley reminds her to slow down and remember what is important in her life. She got her tattoo of Bob's poem 15 years after his death.

"It is a poem that he wrote about living life to the fullest, because you never know how long you are going to be here," she said. "Which to me is a very true statement coming from him, and I carry that across my shoulders every day as a reminder of not only him, but of one of the many lessons he taught us."

In recent years, at least one baby has been named after Bob.

"I shared his name with [my son] to remind me to try to teach my children that drive to get as much out of life as they can," said Brezina, whose son's middle name is Robert. "Bob taught me that opening yourself up to life the way he did was a choice, and it isn't always an easy one to make, as it is often safer or more comfortable to say no to life, or put off making a decision. But the magic happens after you say yes. I sincerely hope that they will embrace that challenge the way he did. Also, I hope it will give me more opportunities to talk about him with my family, and share stories about him."

Being able to keep in touch with Bob's friends, have them stop in for a chat or reach out via social media, has been precious to the Sisson family, who welcome friends to connect.

"That just means the world to us," said Vicki. "Things like that, we love to hear things like that. We don't want

anybody to think you know, well, we don't want to talk about it, or we can't talk about it. We like people to remember him."

In conversation, perhaps unconsciously, Vicki does not say the name of the impaired driver involved in the accident. She and her family have worked toward forgiveness for him.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), "every day, on average, nearly 3.5 Canadians are killed in alcohol and/or drug-related motor vehicle crashes on public roads."

"How can I convey what it was and what happened and what it felt like to people, for them to know that this can happen ... please don't drink and drive," urged Vicki. "It can happen to anyone. He was five minutes from home. He'd hitchhiked across Canada and back. And five minutes from home. Bang."

MacIntyre said she stopped drinking the day of the accident, and continues to be the designated driver for friends.

When she worked at a bar, she said she attempted to deter drunk driving.

"I told Bobby's story more times than I can remember, hoping that it would change their minds about getting behind the wheel."

The accident was covered extensively in local media, with two editorials in a row in the *Echo* dedicated to the community reaction, funeral and candlelight vigil.

Vicki, still in shock and dealing with intense grief, didn't have the chance at that time to talk publicly about Bob.

"I have always wanted, maybe needed is a better word, to find some way of conveying the unbearable pain and devastation of losing a child so loved, and cherished, who contributed so much to his community and everyone who knew him, so close to home ... because someone made the wrong choice. ... It could happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime," she said in her initial response to an interview request.

In the home he grew up in, in West Guilford, a closet in a room upstairs now holds prized possessions: his comic book collection in pristine condition in the Batman-themed bookcase he made in shop class, a book full of his drawings, an Industrial Light and Magic book gifted to him by his grandmother one Christmas, his beloved Lego, the cardboard signs he brought back from his hitchhiking trip.

"Any opportunity I can to get to talk about him," Vicki told the *Echo*. "I just, I don't want people to forget him. That's what would hurt the most, if he was forgotten. We had him for 18 years, and all the things he did in such a short space of time, I just don't want him to be forgotten."



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# When life gives you apples ...

Organizers of the Apple Sauce Project are once again collecting the county's apples and making it into sauce. The

community initiative takes unused apples from local trees, transforms them into sauce, freezes it and distributes it to sen-

iors and families in need.

Anyone who wants to donate apples grown locally is asked to get in touch

with organizers. They're also looking for volunteers to pick apples and others to make the sauce.

## Donate apples

Donations can be dropped off in Haliburton Village:

SIRCH Central, 2 Victoria St. Haliburton (next to the laundromat)

Sept. 18 and 19 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. 705-457-1742

## Pick apples

To volunteer to pick apples during the week of Sept. 17, call and leave a message: Haliburton – Nancy Brownsberger at 705-457-2941 ext. 2926

## Make apple sauce

Volunteers will process the apples into apple sauce on Tuesday, Sept. 25 and Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the SIRCH Community Kitchen in the village of Haliburton. Contact Jay McIvor at SIRCH Central 705-457-1742 to help.

The apple sauce is distributed with Meals on Wheels, SIRCH Frozen Meals and through local food banks.

The Apple Sauce Project is a partnership with Haliburton County FoodNet, SIRCH, HHHS Community Support Services Division, Minden Community Food Centre, Highlands East Community Cooks, HKPR District Health Unit, Municipality of Dysart et al, The Municipality of Highlands East, Entrée Plus, Haliburton County Echo and people like you who donate their apples or time!



Health unit dietitian Rosie Kadwell stands in front of an apple tree near the Haliburton library branch. Kadwell is reminding the public of this year's Apple Sauce Project. Community partners are teaming up to organize apple donations, picking and processing to make sauce. The apple sauce is to be distributed with Meals on Wheels and SIRCH Frozen Meals and through local food banks. /DARREN LUM Staff



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# Haliburton's Anglican parish appoints priest-in-charge

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County offers an abundance of nature, a multi-point parish and a thriving arts community, which is exactly what Reverend Ken McClure, the newly appointed priest-in-charge of the Anglican Parish of Haliburton had on his wish list.

McClure was coming to the end of his curacy at Grace Anglican Church in Markham when area bishop Riscylla Shaw made a connection between his interests, and the Haliburton area.

After living city-life for almost 10 years, McClure and his family were looking to settle in a place outside of an urban area. Having grown up in a multi-point parish, he was hoping to find something similar, much like what is offered in Haliburton County – both St. George's in Haliburton and St. Margaret's in Wilberforce are part of the Anglican Parish of Haliburton. With his background in theatre arts, the artistic nature of this community including the connection with Highlands Opera Studio within the specific congregation, seemed like an ideal opportunity for McClure, to Bishop Shaw.

"Those elements she thought would be a really good fit," he said. "She asked me to think about it and pray, then she arranged for me to meet with the warden, the leadership body here. We all thought it would be a good fit, and so she made the appointment."

And so as of the beginning of August, McClure and his wife Becca, with their young son Jack, have been immersing themselves in the area, stopping for chats on the street and at Foodland and marvelling at event-filled weekends and an abundance of wildlife. McClure has already played a part in HSO's *La Boheme*, Jack has explored Haliburton Forest's wolf centre and Becca has started working on a masters degree in social work, which will have a practicum at Soldiers Hospital in Orillia. McClure, a lifelong rock hound, was also quite pleased to learn of the reputation Highlands East has for mineral specimens.

"It wasn't a normative application process, this was more of an appointment because we fit nicely," said McClure.

The reverend grew up in Keswick, but because of his interest in performance theatre and arts, he went to a satellite elementary school and high school for artistically gifted kids outside of the area. He graduated from George Brown theatre school in 2000 and became a professional actor performing mostly in musicals in regional theatre across the country.

"I ultimately, I didn't feel enough of

a sense of purpose in it for the kind of sacrifice that it requires," he said. "I was having fun with it, but I was thinking of other things."

He then moved to Guangzhou, China, to teach English for a year.

"It was in China that I started to really coalesce around where I was going next," he said. "Ever since I was a kid, I knew I had been drawn to acting but I also had a connection with the church. There was a nagging appeal to me. I felt it was going to be my future too. And then politics, the only sport I follow. I was going to be an actor, a politician or a priest. In China, I figured out I wasn't moving toward the political but I was moving toward the priest more."

Back in Canada, McClure began an honours degree in classical studies at York University.

"I didn't go to seminary immediately because I wanted to have a broader educational foundation," he said. "Theatre taught me how to communicate, it taught me how to read – I don't mean that literally, but I do mean it in the fullest sense of reading. The kind of critical eye that textural deconstruction as an actor requires prepared me for the kind of large-scale textural deconstruction that academia requires but also that spiritual interpretation requires. As an actor you've got to be able to get into the text, you have to be able to see yourself in it, it has to become so real to you that you are able to make it real. Scripture you don't need to do that kind of heavy lifting with, but having the kind of imagination that allows you to do that, gave me greater access of visual language to deal with when I'm preaching."

McClure said his education in classical studies gave him the contextual foundation to understand the place and time that most of scripture comes out of. When that second phase of schooling was done, he went to Trinity College for his masters of divinity, a three-year program. He was ordained deacon and worked alongside a senior priest at Grace Anglican Church in Markham for two years before arriving in Haliburton.

McClure said the opportunity has been everything he hoped it would be.

"It's unbelievable, in so many different ways," he said. "The people have been fantastic. The leadership did a fantastic job preparing everything, everyone has been so excellent in the church community, but in the broader community as well."

His office is already decorated with framed comic books, and in his introductory letter to the parish, he notes he is a superhero and horror film movie buff and loves "the nerdiest of TV," including Star Trek, and work by Joss Whedon and Aaron Sorkin. He notes he's a differ-



Reverend Ken McClure joined the Anglican Parish of Haliburton and moved to the community with his wife and son at the beginning of August. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

ent generation compared to past incumbents, more recently ordained and in a different part of his career than some of his predecessors.

He's an amiable guy, laughing deeply and openly and said he likes to smile and meet people.

"I think I bring a sense of welcome – it's a place that has had that, but I think I can build on that," he said. "I think I bring a place within that sense of welcoming, I think I provide a place where people who might not go to church or belong to a church or have any connection to that sort of thing, I think they

can feel comfortable chatting with me. I like the idea of that, particularly, that I can bring a way for the church to be the church outside of the church."

Besides that he is trained for just such a position, his background in performing in theatres and musicals brings something to his role at the church, too.

"And I sing well," he laughs, acknowledging the musical talent of the congregation. "I'm nothing transformative but I am a nice new ingredient."

For more information or to read McClure's writing, visit <http://www.haliburtonanglican.org>.



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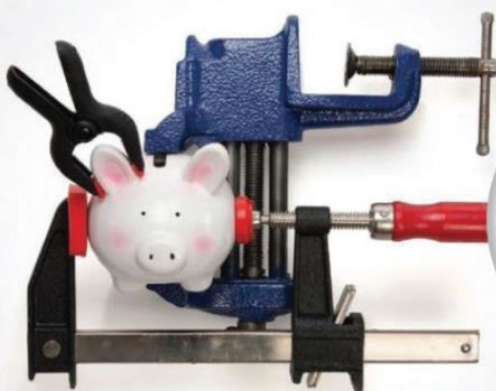
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# New marine in Haliburton offers personal touch

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A collection of twigs is stronger than a single twig by itself. This perspective is the reality behind the latest business venture at the former Sears Haliburton location on Highway 118.

Opened Aug. 24, Stiles Marine is a partnership between the Stiles family and the Vargas family, who own the building and operate the food truck, Mega Munch Breakfast and Lunch.

The partnership is forged out of a desire to serve customers and work together.

"Families helping families," Adrian Vargas, former Sears Haliburton operator said.

With his wife Wendy and sons Alex, 14, and Matthew, 13, Vargas operates the food truck in front of the building.

Stiles Marine, the marine service station at 13533 Highway 118, is being run by Steve Stiles along with his wife Tanya, daughter Aleasha, 20, and Cole, 17, a local high school student. Steve's parents Don and Debbie will be helping with deliveries, pickups and bookkeeping.

Personal service is what separates them from the competition, Steve said.

"We want to offer personable service for a reasonable price. They're dealing directly with all of us," he said.

Steve said being a family business means customers can expect accountability.

The idea to start this business was rooted in the family's love of power sports, from taking the motorboat out for



The family of Steve Stiles, wife Tanya, daughter Aleasha and son Cole are working together to run Stiles Marine located in the former Haliburton Sears building. The marine opened its doors on Aug. 24 and is a result of a partnership with the Vargas family, who started Mega Munch Breakfast and Lunch earlier this year. The marine offers sales, consignment sales, provides repairs to all makes and models, winterization and storage in a heated indoors space and outdoors. /DARREN LUM Staff

family fishing trips to riding modified ice racing motocross bikes in front of their Haliburton home on Grass Lake, where they've been the past two years.

This isn't the first marine business for the family. They ran a marine in Port Perry for 10 years. Stiles Marine is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will close from December to February.

Repairs can be performed on all makes and models. Steve said he can get parts for anything.

Currently, the marine is inviting watercraft users for winterizing and is accepting bookings for its heated indoor space and its outdoor space. Pickup and delivery service is available.

Consignment sales are available to take advantage of the ideal location with great

exposure to the steady flow of traffic.

"This is a hot commodity around here. We're already half full," he said, referring to storage.

Steve said he hopes to store 500 boats and eventually open a dealership.

He promises his business will accommodate customer needs.

"We'll do what we can to get their business," he said.

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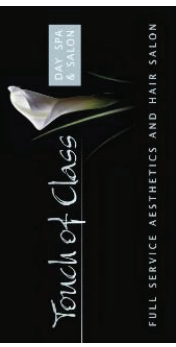





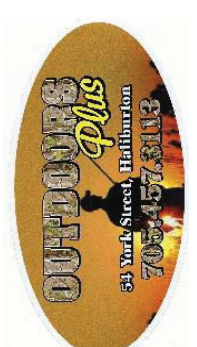









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- 3 Bdm, 4 pc Bath, Bunkie
- Screened-in Porch, Close proximity to GTA



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- Western exposure, sandy beach and deep water



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### Centrally Located Home \$249,000

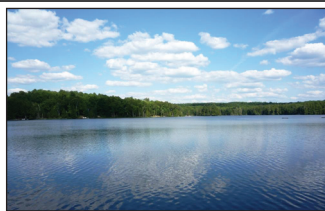
- Three bedroom brick bungalow with garage
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- In-law suite potential with lower level walkout



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- 547 ft lakefront: 3 separate lots/6.5 acres
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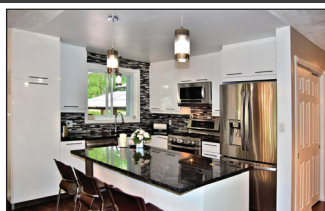
- 4 season, 3 bedroom, 2 bath Home/ctge
- Open concept living/kitchen/dining area
- Close to public access on Long Lake



Karen Nimigon\*\*  
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### Haliburton Lake \$520,000

- Charming 3 bedroom country cottage
- Clean, private 128' shoreline with natural path
- Wood accents, stone fireplace & a loft master suite



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### Minden Home \$409,000

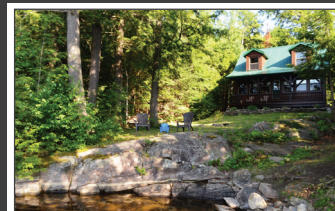
- Beautifully renovated raised bungalow
- In desirable Minden neighbourhood
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### Wilberforce \$195,000

- 3+ bedroom home
- Carport and garage
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### Rare Listing \$699,500

- On the Hawk Lake Chain
- Private road just minutes off HWY 35
- Winterized with full basement



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### Cedar Lake \$329,000

- A true Canadian classic 3 bdrm log cottage
- Open main level with a view of the lot & lake
- 26 ctges on the lake, surrounded by crown land



Melanie Vigrass\*  
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### Hamilton Road Home \$179,000

- 2 Bdrm/1 Bath Home on Dead-End Road
- Updated Kitchen & Bath, Full WO basement
- 0.45 A, Access to South Lake a Walk Away



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- CLUES ACROSS

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  - 5. Interest rate
  - 8. Long narrative poem
  - 12. Sedimentary rock
  - 14. No (Scottish)
  - 15. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
  - 16. Sleep gear
  - 18. One who buys and sells securities
  - 19. Cincinnati ballplayers
  - 20. Of the backbone
  - 21. Car mechanics group
  - 22. Iranian village
  - 23. Canadian peninsula
  - 26. For all ills or diseases
  - 30. Known for his "razor"
  - 31. One who plays the viola
  - 32. Resinlike substance
  - 33. Educational association
  - 34. Inappropriate
  - 39. A team's best pitcher
  - 42. The cost of bus travel
  - 44. Badgerlike mammal
  - 46. Popular sport in Ireland
  - 47. Written works
  - 49. Pop
  - 50. Consumed
- CLUES DOWN


  - 1. Vipers
  - 2. Pal
  - 3. One who has been to Mecca
  - 4. Energy and enthusiasm
  - 5. Leaf-footed bug genus
  - 6. Southern belle accessory
  - 7. \_\_ de Mornay, actress
  - 8. Print errors
  - 9. Preceding
  - 10. Asian nation
  - 11. The people in a movie
  - 13. Liberate
  - 17. Strong laxatives
  - 24. Tub
- 25. Something comparable to another
  - 26. Polyvinyl acetate
  - 27. Small island (British)
  - 28. Neither
  - 29. The G.O.A.T.
  - 35. What Goodell oversees
  - 36. One who engages in Dawah
  - 37. Tall, rounded vase
  - 38. Electroencephalograph
  - 40. Made of clay and hardened by heat
  - 41. Great happiness
  - 42. Chinese surname
  - 43. Supposed emanations
  - 44. Travelers
  - 45. Loss of bodily movements
  - 47. Los \_\_, rock group
  - 48. Seabirds
  - 49. Used to store grain
  - 52. Whale ship captain
  - 53. "Joker" actor
  - 54. Portends good or evil
  - 55. Organized group of criminals

Answers on page 20



**The beat goes on**  
A percussive caravan makes its way through Head Lake Park during DrumFest on Sept. 1. / CHAD INGRAM Staff

## Water Levels Matter!



Coalition for Equitable Water Flow

Summer 2018

Open Letter to: Candidates in the 2018 Municipal Elections for:  
Algonquin Highlands; Dysart et al; Havelock-Belmont-Methuen;  
Highlands East; Minden Hills; North Kawartha; and Trent Lakes.


**Issues facing Voters in the Upper Trent River Watershed as Identified by the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow**

The Coalition believes there is an opportunity for municipalities to take further action and to demonstrate continuing support on a range of water management issues. As a candidate for municipal office you are invited to respond to the following questions so that we can advise our membership with regard to your position, and your personal commitment on these issues.

**Questions to Candidates from the Coalition**

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River watershed? If so, are you personally committed to continued municipal support for the *Upper Trent Water Management Partnership*? (see background information on next page).
2. What would you do to strengthen the flood control and mitigation provisions of your municipality's Official Plan? For example, would you support initiatives to provide better flood plain mapping and flood mitigation planning as the basis for decision-making?
3. Do you agree that municipal governments should work with local lake associations, the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to further improve water management operations on reservoir and flow-through lakes and the connecting rivers? For example, are you in favour of:
  - a. urging water conservation to support recreational use of the reservoir lakes; and
  - b. the acquisition of lake-specific data with regard to the location and depth of trout spawning beds to improve and protect fish habitat?

Please note that a summary of responses will be posted at [www.cewf.ca](http://www.cewf.ca) starting in early September.



Ted Spence, Chair, Coalition for Equitable Water Flow

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# Rotary leads smoke alarm giveaway

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A few minutes can be the difference between life and death, says Haliburton fire chief Mike Iles, who is applauding the Rotary Club of Haliburton for their effort to give away 200 smoke alarms.

Rotarian Richard van Nood said this is about making the community a safer place.

"If just one life is saved by one of these detectors, we would consider this program a major success," he said.

Earlier this year, Iles gave a presentation on fire safety at the club's weekly meeting.

The Rotarians were alarmed to learn from the chief that close to 40 per cent of residents are not in compliance with the provincial fire code.

Iles said there needs to be a smoke detector on each floor and outside each area where people sleep.

"Very often when we go into a home, or when we do our fire department inspections, it's not uncommon to find the date on them have expired," he said.

The Rotary Club decided to buy the smoke detectors several months ago with the purpose of giving them away. Summer proved too busy and delayed the giveaway.

Smoke alarms will be available from 10

a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Haliburton Fire Department.

This is the club's first smoke alarm giveaway and will be limited to one per household.

"We will record the postal code of the recipient just to track where they went to. Obviously we hope that we mainly target people that would benefit the most from not having to buy their own smoke detectors, but we won't be checking tax returns," van Nood said.

If there is enough demand, the club has considered expanding the program, he adds.

Conventionally, smoke alarms can be inspected when adjusting for daylight saving time.

However he said they should be checked regularly, at least monthly to ensure they are functioning properly and have not expired.

"They may fail or not activate and if do activate, or you push the test button they're not as sensitive ... you may lose valuable time," he said.

The chief for the last two years said having fully functional and up-to-date smoke detectors is not only the law, it is essential to providing the time to escape and to avert a tragedy.

"We've had fires in the county where people probably are alive because they had smoke alarms. They are very critical," he said.



From left, Rotarians Maureen O'Hara and Ted Brandon stand with Haliburton fire chief Mike Iles in front of the fire department. They are encouraging the public to pickup a free smoke alarm from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 15 at the fire department. Smoke detectors are limited to one per household. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Sue Tiffin joins Echo/Times staff

JENN WATT

Editor

This week the *Echo* welcomes Sue Tiffin to her new permanent role as reporter. Sue's been at the paper for the last year and a half on contract and has agreed to take on the job permanently.

Sue spent much of her childhood in the Haliburton Highlands, growing up in Minden and attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School before heading to Ryerson for her journalism degree.

She and her husband Justin then moved to Korea where they taught for several years returning to the county in 2014.

You've probably seen them and their two "kiddos," as Sue calls them, at community events across the county.

We've enjoyed having Sue here as a reporter and are thrilled to be able to add her to the permanent staff. Regular readers will be familiar with her work, which has included award-winning features about our community and life in the Highlands.

Please join us in welcoming Sue to the team at the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*.

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"A Better Man" Film - Wednesday, September 19  
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School  
6:00 pm Refreshments and Info Booths  
6:30 pm Screening of "A Better Man"  
Panelist discussion around sexual violence to follow

*Take Back the Night* - Thursday, September 20  
Head Lake Park, Haliburton  
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## UPCOMING Community Events

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at [classifieds@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:classifieds@haliburtonpress.com)

### Haliburton County Studio Tour - Preview show

When: Sept. 1 to Sept. 15 during the gallery hours Wed to Sun from 12 to 4 p.m.

Where: Finn Artists' Gallery, 15 Newcastle St., Minden  
This is an opportunity for people to see what the tour has to offer and showcase local artists.

### Enviro-Cafe: The Real Cost of Convenience

When: Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Haliburton United Church

Ray Letheren of the Bayfield Blue Community Project will speak on Bayfield becoming the first "plastic-free community" in North America. Hear how Ray Letheren and his community achieved success with environmental initiatives in Bayfield. For more information, contact Ryan Sisson at [rsisson@gmail.com](mailto:rsisson@gmail.com) or call 705-854-3355.

### Dinner by Donation

When: Friday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Minden Community Food Centre, 24 Newcastle (rear entrance)

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### Celebrate Women's Voting Rights

When: Saturday, Sept. 15

Where: Village Green, Minden at noon, proceeding to the Minden Hills Museum

This year marks the 100th anniversary of women's federal vote in Canada. Come out for an historical re-enactment, march down Bobcaygeon Road and tea at the Minden Hills Museum. All are welcome!

### Parkinson SuperWalk Haliburton

When: Sunday, Sept. 16. Registration 10:30 a.m., walk starts 11 a.m.

Where: the Band Shell, Head Lake Park, Haliburton  
What: SuperWalk to raise funds for Parkinson's

For more info contact Rosie at 705-754-1661

### Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wed. Sept. 19. Doors open 6 p.m.; speaker 7 p.m.

Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden

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# Take in some local heritage

community news

## wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
448-2018

Recipe Rambles is on at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House this Friday, Sept. 14 beginning at 1:30 p.m. You are invited to share memories by rambling on about a special "dish" you loved or hated. No need to bring the recipe. Tell us about the aroma the appearance the taste of it. Explore the cookbook exhibit which is on display. And stay for tea.

The annual Heritage Day in Highland Grove is on Saturday, Sept. 15. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be displays and activities that will remind you of many aspects of local heritage of the area. The Schoolhouse Museum will be open along with the community centre and lots of things to do under the big tent.

Enjoy live music, a flea market, book sales and food. Their barbecue food is always tasty. New this year is pine needle basket making which includes both a demonstration and the opportunity to

make one. A new book will be on display. It is about the Watson family and we expect it will eventually be for sale. There are still some tables that can be rented if you call 705-448-2218. Or just come and enjoy.

John Stapley died peacefully on Sept. 5, 2018 at Huron Terrace in Tecumseh, Ont. He was in his 92nd year. John was the beloved husband of the late Kathleen (Kay) Elliott. A longtime resident of Wilberforce he had moved to western Ontario to be near family members. Mourning his loss are sons Micheal (Debbie) of Tecumseh and Robert (Catherine) of Peterborough, grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

John was employed in this area by Bell Canada for many years.

Family members and friends gathered for visitation at the Haliburton Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon and on Monday morning, Sept. 10 at St. John Vianny Roman Catholic Church in Highland Grove for a mass of Christian burial. Interment followed at the Wilberforce Cemetery.

A number of the members of the Haliburton Unit of District 18 of RTO, enjoyed lunch at the Pepper Mill Restaurant in Carnarvon on Sept. 4. It was a pleasant way for retired teachers to celebrate the first day of school. A bit like a staff meeting but without students, lessons and bells.



## Healthy Lakes \$1,000 winner is...

Canoe FM announcer Mike Jaycock reads out the Healthy Lakes Contest \$1,000 grand prize winner's name, Gary Acker of Dorset, drawn by Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations chairperson Paul MacInnes during the station's Friday Drive Show on Friday, Sept. 7. The Healthy Lakes Contest offered prizes to the public, who were challenged with lake health questions every week this summer. The contest was a partnership between CHA, the *Minden Times* and *Haliburton Echo*, Canoe FM and local merchants, who provided prizes. (The winner of the last prize of the season was Jenn Morrow, who won the Subaru oil change.) /DARREN LUM Staff

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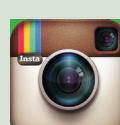
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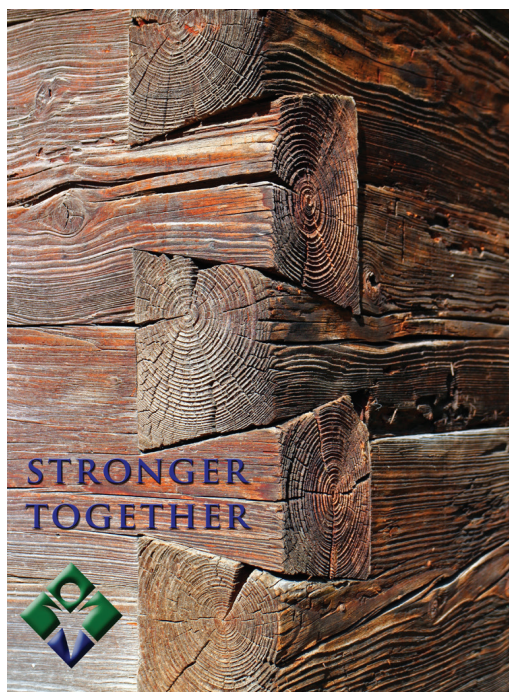


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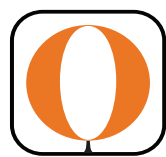


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## Record crowd turns out for the Fair

Parade the biggest ever, participation up in other weekend events

Perfect weather and a full slate of events and attractions combined to bring a record breaking crowd to Kinmount over the weekend for that community's annual fair.

Close to 18,000 people paid admission fees to the fair grounds, and several thousands more took part in events associated with the fair.

One of the highlights of the fair was the parade, which drew an estimated 1,500 participants, according to organizer Guy Scott.

Throughout the weekend there were hundreds of entrants in dozens of competitions.

Hundreds of prizes were awarded, too many to be listed here, but some of the highlights are as follows:

In the heavy horse draw, Mac McGillivray of Cardiff had the best

team, and in the light horse class, Murray Cowen of Haliburton took first place honours.

Sunday's demolition derby proved to be a popular event with spectators. It was won by Gerard Jilsen of Downeyville.

The amateur talent show attracted numerous entrants, and competition was keen in six categories. The junior vocal division was won by Sandra Hume. Intermediate vocals were won by Wendy Genoux. Curtis Gartshore took the senior vocal category. In the instrumental competition, Ted Hadley was the winner. The fiddle contest was won by Gord Marsden, with George Warren taking first place in the step dancing competition.

Sunday's 4x4 pulling event was another crowd pleaser which drew a large number of entrants. The half

ton class was won by Roger Gould of Nestleton, while the three quarter ton class was taken by Larry Strong of Tory Hill.

Agricultural events are a tradition at the Kinmount Fair, and as usual, farmers from many parts of Ontario were on hand to vie for ribbons.

The cattle show was well supported, and a number of farmers took home a fistful of ribbons. In the Charolais class, Keith Gobble of Janetville was awarded seven first prizes.

In the Angus class, alcolm Bailey of Uxbridge was the top competitor, earning eight first place ribbons.

Phillip Jones of Cameron dominated the Hereford class, winning six first place ribbons. Lois Batty of Cobocok earned two top prizes in this category.

In the Simmental division, Elmer

Lidkie of Little Britain won five firsts, while Brice Handley of Campbellcroft had two first prizes.

The heavy horse competition also attracted a number of entrants from the surrounding area. The big winners in this class were the Conn Brothers from Elmvalle who took home four first prizes, Sinc Nesbitt of Minden was a close second with three firsts, as was Wallace Denne of Washago, who also earned three firsts.

Ruby Cochrane of Blackstock won two first prizes in the heavy horse division, as did Murray Heath of Campbellford and Earl Durward of Sunderland.

In the sheep show, George Miles of Minnising was the top competitor, earning 11 first place ribbons. Barry Grant of Woodville was close behind with 10 firsts. Russel Dow of

Bowmanville had eight firsts, and Larry Agar of Phelpstown took three firsts.

The horseshoe pitching competition was a popular event as well. In the single division, Ray McLaughlin was the winner, and he teamed up with Harold McLaughlin to earn the doubles title as well.

Some of the most keenly contested categories at the fair are those involving vegetable growing, baking and handicrafts. There were more than 500 separate categories in the exhibit hall, and a total of more than 1200 entries.

One of the most sought-after prizes is for the best display of garden produce, and it was won this year by Bonnie Wilkinson of Irondale.

The three largest potatoes in the

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## Couples win weekends at county-wide festival

The four winners of Harvest Festival weekends in Haliburton County were announced on CBC radio last Wednesday.

On the weekend of September 10, Constance Goodfellow from Woolfe Island will bring her workaholic husband up to stay at Wig-a-mog for the weekend. They will have dinner out at the PineStone Inn and will participate in the festivities of Klondike Days at Gooderham.

For a 40th wedding anniversary weekend get-away Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford from London will spend their time at Beech View Cottages near Minden. Their weekend includes dinner out at the Fireside Restaurant and the Caribbean Islands night at the Minden Community Centre on September 17.

Mrs. Ruth Hopwood of Belleville will be bringing her lover of 25 years to the Highlands on the

weekend of September 23. They will be staying at Sandy Lane Resort and have a special dinner out at Mr. Fogg's. Bienvenue a Stanhope, or french casino night, will be included in their weekend plans.

October 1 will be the weekend for Denise Bowes and her friend to visit the Lakeview Motel in Haliburton. Denise has been seriously ill for the best part of the summer and is looking forward to her weekend with dinner out at the Harvest Room and the activities taking place at the Haliburton Harvest Festival celebrations.

All these folks will also receive free weekend passes to the Sky Slider and be the guests of honour at the various activities that will be taking place.

Passports for the Harvest Festival events are still available, and can be obtained from local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce.

## Monmouth deadlocked

Monmouth Township politicians appear to be no closer to breaking a deadlock over the hiring of a road superintendent for the municipality despite the withdrawal of two out of the three candidates.

Gary Stoughton and Rocky Graham informed council by letter that they want to be dropped from contention, a move which appeared to clear the way for the hiring of Barry Dunford.

The three men were interviewed for the job August 2, using questions prepared by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications. Based on the interviews, a motion was introduced at a special meeting of council August 11 to hire

Barry Dunford for the job.

Dunford, who is a member of council, declared a conflict of interest and took no part in the discussions. But when the motion was put to a vote, council split down the middle, with reeve Keith Tallman and councillor Alan Revill voting in favour of hiring Dunford, and deputy reeve Harry Clark and councillor Jim Deterling opposed.

Another special meeting was held August 30 and at this session, council received a letter from Graham and Stoughton indicating that they did not want to let their names stand for the job.

This appeared to facilitate the

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It was back to school for youngsters around the county on Tuesday morning, and many of them seemed to be having fun as they scrambled off the buses to meet their friends and teachers.

## Area Chambers in Haliburton for convention

Chamber of Commerce managers from across Ontario will arrive in Haliburton Wednesday night for a two day convention.

It is the first time that the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Executive has held their annual get together in resort country, according to organizer Bob Stinson, who is marketing representative for the Haliburton Highlands Chamber.

"I've been trying to get them to come to Haliburton for some time," said Stinson. Normally the convention is held in the home town of the incoming president, but Lydia Jones of Burlington agreed to have the event moved from that city to Haliburton.

Up to 50 Chamber executives from throughout southern Ontario and as far north as Sault Ste. Marie are expected to take part in the convention, which will get underway Wednesday evening with a reception at Wigamog Inn. Thursday the delegates will attend workshops and seminars throughout the day. In late afternoon they will break off and take a ride to Haliburton on the Highland Queen tour boat. A wine and cheese reception is planned at the Sky Slider, and delegates will also get a chance to try out the ride.

The group will then go on to Haliburton Lodge for dinner, and later will return to Wigamog, where they will be entertained by the Good Companions, a music hall group which performs regularly at Deer Lodge.

Friday business sessions resume until 4 p.m., followed by a Hawaiian banquet to wind up the event. Some delegates are expected to spend the rest of the weekend in the area.

## Terry Fox run a chance to help win the fight

You can run, walk or ride September 18, but the important thing is to participate

For the third year in a row local residents will have an opportunity to support the fight against cancer by participating in a 10 kilometre Terry Fox Run.

The run will begin at Haliburton's government dock at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 18.

In 1981, the Haliburton run attracted 148 entrants and raised a total of \$5,825 in entry fees and pledges. Last year's event was well supported by local runners but fewer cottagers took part, and receipts totalled \$3,986.15.

The run will follow a relatively easy course down County Road #1 to South Kashagawigamog Lake Road, turning around at Haliburton Highlands Golf club

to return to the government dock. It is not necessary to run the route. It can be walked or bicycled if you wish, with the main emphasis being on participation.

To date, more than 850 Runs have been officially organized across Canada, England, the United States, Brazil, West Germany, Switzerland, China, Turkey and the Soviet Union.

The 10 kilometre Runs are being coordinated by the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Track and Field Association, Fitness and Amateur Sport Canada and the Four Seasons Hotels. Last year's Run raised more than \$2.4 million for

cancer research.

One of the more unique Runs will take place on the flight deck of the HMCS Skeena, a Canadian helicopter-carrying destroyer. The crew hope to raise \$1,000 by running more than 500 kms while at sea.

Fehim Kamali, a one-legged runner who was married last year after finishing a 10km Toronto Run, will participate this year in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The most northern Run will take place at the Special Alert Armed Forces Base at the North Pole. More than 200 armed forces personnel will run for Terry.

In Montreal, a troupe of 40

Greek dancers, La Troupe Folklorique Grecque, will raise money through a 24-hour dance-a-thon. Just outside Montreal, nine year old cancer victim Steve Couture will walk the 10 km route. Couture, currently undergoing chemo and radiation therapy, suffers from bone cancer, the same disease which claimed Terry Fox's right leg.

Terry Fox's brothers, Darrell and Fred and father, Rolland, will run again with participants in Port Coquitlam, B.C. Terry's mother Betty, will also be on hand at the run site to cheer on the participants.

Terry Fox was the 22-year-old amputee who lost his right leg to

cancer in 1977. Departing from St. John's Newfoundland, he embarked on his cross-Canada Marathon of Hope to raise funds for cancer research. Having run across two thirds of the nation, he was forced to discontinue his run just outside Thunder Bay, Ontario in September, 1980. He died of cancer in June, 1981.

Thousands of Canadians have taken up Terry Fox's quest to raise money for cancer research through the annual Terry Fox Run.

Those wishing to participate in this year's September 18 Run should pick up pledge sheets at Mike's Milk in Haliburton or Becker's in Minden.



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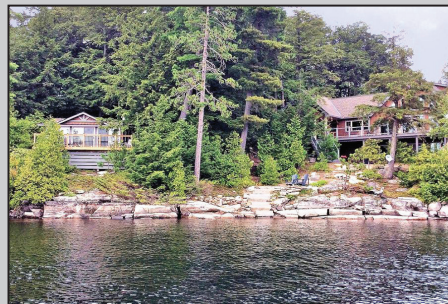
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